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DONORS CONFERENCE

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR J. THOMAS SCHIEFFER FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

¶1. (C) Japan is still uncertain who will lead its delegation to the December 17 Paris Donors Conference and how much it will be in a position to contribute, according to Ambassador Tatsuo Arima, Japan's Special Representative in charge of Peace in the Middle East. Embassy Tokyo Deputy Chief of Mission called on Arima December 11 per reftel to strongly urge Japan to send a delegation led by Foreign Minister Koumura and to make a significant contribution to the Palestinians.

¶2. (C) Arima replied that MOFA would attempt to have FM Koumura attend, but pointed out that due to the likely extension of the ongoing Diet session, it seemed very unlikely to him that Koumura would be able to leave Tokyo on or about the 17th. Arima also confirmed that he would not attend the conference and would say only that Japan "will try to get someone at the political level" to lead its delegation.

¶3. (C) With regard to new contributions, Arima told DCM that Japan is still in the process of deciding the amount and content of any further assistance to the Palestinians, and noted that Shinsuke Sugiyama, Deputy Director General of MOFA's Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, had attended the December 7 preparatory meeting and had explained Japan's position. Arima concluded that "we are aware of the needs of the Palestinian Authority and will do what we can."

When pressed on when MOFA might decide who will attend and what will be pledged, Arima said he could not say, noting "we still have a week left before the meeting."

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